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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Joe Helfrich Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Helfrich,

RE: C/007/0047 - Kinney Mine Permit Document & Request for Conference

I went to the Carbon County Courthouse last week to pick up the permit application to bring to you, but could not find it. The County Clerk said that to their knowledge, no one had been in to review the document. Unfortunately, the application was in the basement of the Courthouse in an insecure location, and it would be very easy for someone to walk in and take the application without anyone seeing them. I have no idea when the document went missing.

I have a copy of the letter from the Center for Water Advocacy requesting an Informal Conference. The copy has a date stamp from the Division of August 18, 2008, which is 4 days after the closing date for requesting a conference. Unless the request was faxed in by August 14, 2008, their request is not valid. Please advise us if the Division has a valid request for a conference as soon as possible.

Please call me at 435-650-7075 if you have any questions.

Ben Grimes

Sincerely

CC: G.Hunt, C.Wisdom (Scan)